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Applicant: Michael J. McCoy

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Official Action dated November 29, 2004.

Please enter this amendment since it puts the application in condition for allowance.

Application does not agree with the Examiner's rejection of claim 1 for obviousness on the combination of Bradford and Brown but in order to avoid a possible lengthy and costly appeal, claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of claim 2 and, correspondingly, claim 2 has been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing, the application is now in condition for allowance and an early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. (Currently Amended) In a quick release safety attachment for a stirrup having spring-loaded rods and annular bushings for the rods in a sleeve, said safety attachment resting in a stirrup strap for releasably engaging the ends of a stirrup from the ends of the rods and a pair of lever arms extending radially outward from the sleeve having inner ends engaging the rods for controlling the disengagement of the rods from the ends of the stirrup, the improvement comprising:

an annular thin washer-like bearing within the sleeve adjacent each bushing, with an end of each spring in the sleeve pressing up against its associated bearing, said rods movably extending through the annular openings in the respective bearings for engagement with the stirrup;

notches at the outer ends of said arms for engagement with one another for releasably securing said arms together;

a strap for releasably wrapping around said arms with the notches engaged;

said arms having a curvature adapted to generally conform to the curvature of the leg of the rider.

2. (Canceled)